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Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse
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79 Elm Street
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RE: Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

I am a third generation resident of the South Meriden area. (Age 85) I have been active as a conservationist and presently a member of the Meriden Conservation Commission.

I have been a witness to the decline and later ecological improvement of the Quinnipiac River. In part, success was due to the restriction and regulation of certain discharges. It has taken just as many years to clean up what was dumped into the river. As a result, what was once a "dead" waterway is currently "alive" with wildlife.

Besides the wildlife benefit, the Q-River has also been heavily invested in with the building of a new dam and fish ladder at Hanover Pond in Meriden. Furthermore, the Q-River is heavily stocked with trout by both the DEP and Quinnipiac River Watershed Association..

The newly proposed Streamflow regulations appear to be a conscientious and beneficial plan for most of Connecticut's rivers with the exception of the class 4 designation. The lack of parameters set for this designation would do little if anything to protect those rivers that would be "left behind" by being put into this designation. Consequently, the waters would degrade along with the quality of life of those living nearby.

I strongly recommend that the Quinnipiac River and waterways of similar quality, be given protective status that would serve to keep these rivers alive along with a vision of hope for the future and once again be the pristine waterway I remember swimming in as a boy in the 1930's.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Godburn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Godburn
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